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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents cited in an European Search Report and/or in a Search and Examination Report from Singapore, in connection with foreign applications corresponding to the above-identified application. This Search and Examination Report from Singapore included a Search Report and Examination Report from the Austrian Patent Office Service and Information Sector.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Clearly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

The documents on the enclosed List, as well as the aforementioned European Search Report and Search and Examination Report from Singapore, have been submitted in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/732,307, filed December 8,

2000. Since No. 09/732,307 is being relied upon under 35 USC 120 in the above-identified application, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.98(d).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.35833VV5) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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